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Re: Docket No. 2007-OE-01

Dear Sir/Madam:

This letter requests a rehearing on the designation of the Mid-Atlantic Area National Corridor (MAANC). I am a party to the above-referenced proceeding, having filed comments which were received by the Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability on July 5, 2007 (tracking number 81073). I write on behalf of several affected landowners in Virginia.

As explained in my prior letters of July 5, 2007, and October 16, 2007, the MAANC and Southwest Area National Corridor (SANC) designations were major federal actions with the potential to have a significant effect on the environment and therefore required review under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Furthermore these designations had the potential to impact historic resources and therefore required review under the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). DOE devoted an entire section of its Order to arguments against the applicability of NEPA and NHPA; the effort expended to avoid the operations of these laws would have been better spent developing an understanding of the environmental and historic impacts of NIETC designations.

I request a rehearing and request that DOE reconsider its decision against reviewing the designations under NEPA and NHPA.

Sincerely,

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